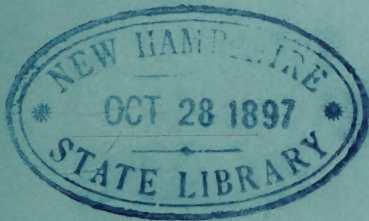


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Report of the Selectmen.

*The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1880,
as follows:—*

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1879,	\$11,140.86
Savings bank tax,	938.31
Railroad tax,	386.19
Literary fund,	93.24
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879,	1,442.63
Amount received from Grafton County,	791.95
“ “ “ J. M. Bishop,	3.00
“ “ “ J. W. Saunders, for book,	.25
“ “ “ R. A. Batchelder,	400.00
“ “ “ M. S. Peters,	300.00
“ “ “ show license,	2.00
“ “ “ State of New Hampshire for Bounties,	14.40
“ “ “ J. F. Morrill, dog damage,	7.00
“ “ “ citizens for concrete walks,	23.00
“ “ “ R. Blake, for plank,	2.00
“ “ “ rent of town hall above ex- penses,	4.97
“ “ “ E. D. Crosby, bill of 1878,	1.08
In hands of Collector of 1878,	930.10
Interest collected on list of 1879, to March 1, 1880,	30.30

\$16,511.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$1,348.00	
County tax,	2,098.36	
	<hr/>	\$3,446.36

School Money.

District No. 1, C. J. Mason,	\$39.06	
2, Anna P. Bartlett,	961.88	
" " 1878,	209.21	
3, D. J. Hunt,	34.95	
4, J. M. R. Emmons,	24.03	
5, A. J. Ferrin,	37.04	
6, D. Y. Emmons,	46.69	
7, H. C. Homans,	12.25	
8, C. N. Drake,	57.00	
9, C. S. Flanders,	43.44	
	<hr/>	\$1,465.55

School House Tax.

District No. 1, M. B. Patten,	\$10.00	
2, Anna P. Bartlett,	500.00	
4, J. M. R. Emmons,	20.00	
8, C. N. Drake,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$580.00
Precinct tax,		\$750.00

County Paupers.**D. C. WILLEY.**

May 5, G. A. Robie,	\$2.75	
" " Wm. George,	3.22	
Aug. 31. O. F. Cross, board,	107.00	
Feb. 26, David S. Follansbee, board,	78.00	
" " Fowler & Co., medicine,	17.35	
" " Fowler & Hazelton, medical attendance,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$212.32

C. H. HARRIMAN.

May 5, C. N. Drake, board,	\$20.00	
" " " " funeral expenses,	16.00	
Nov. 10, Fowler & Hazelton, medical attendance,	37.00	
" " Fowler & Co., medicine,	7.65	
	<hr/>	\$80.65

CLARISSA BROWN.

Feb. 24, A. T. Darling, board,	\$108.00	
“ “ “ “ clothing furnished,	6.10	
	<hr/>	\$114.10

BETSEY LADD.

Feb. 26, Green L. Tilton, board,	\$71.30	
“ 28, Wm. George, goods,	2.96	
	<hr/>	\$74.26

SALOMIE HANSCOM.

June 29, D. S. Follansbee, board, 17 weeks,	\$17.00	
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BENJAMIN FELLOWS.

Feb. 24, Orren Nelson, board,	\$13.00	
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S. BOHONAN.

March 6, D. J. Hunt, digging grave,	\$2.00	
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AUGUSTUS OSGOOD.

April 26, R. A. Horner, dispatch,	\$.75	
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HOPKINS FAMILY.

Aug. 10, Mrs. Joel Adams,	\$1.00	
Oct. 25, W. W. Wilbur,	3.00	
Nov. 29, James Berry,	1.00	
Dec. 31, Freeman A. Grey, board,	56.92	
Feb. 24, Fowler & Hazelton, medical attendance,	2.50	
“ “ Ira S. Chase,	51.25	
“ “ James M. Bishop,	5.50	
“ “ L. W. Hammond, goods,	2.00	
“ “ Prescott & Curtis, goods,	.40	
“ “ Cyrus Taylor, goods,	\$15.50	
“ “ Geo. M. Cavis, “	4.00	
“ “ D. P. Prescott,	2.00	
“ “ Wm. George,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$147.57

BENJ. EVANS' FAMILY.

Cyrus Taylor for supplies,	\$2.34	
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LEED'S FAMILY.

Feb. 24, Cyrus Taylor, supplies,	\$3.81	
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MRS. ADDIE DUNHAM AND CHILD.

Aug. 5, B. F. Robinson, board,	\$30.85	
Sept. 18, Dr. A. C. Whipple, medical attendance,	30.00	
Oct. 29, James Brogan, board,	54.75	
Nov. 29, Town of Pittsfield, aid,	10.55	
Jan. 6, Sam. H. Tilton, board,	17.85	
Feb. 23, Josiah Healey, “	19.30	
	<hr/>	\$163.30

Total for paupers, 831.10

Highways.

ELIJAH SANBORN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$73.95	
April 23, M. B. Patten,	1.85	
Nov. 29, E. Sanborn,	4.62	
	<hr/>	\$80.42

F. KIDDER'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$29.45	
April 15, Charles Kidder,	.60	
Dec. 27, Fred Kidder,	6.10	
	<hr/>	\$36.15

C. L. CLAY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$39.95	
Aug. 30, C. L. Clay, labor of self and help employed,	3.45	
	<hr/>	\$43.40

D. Y. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts;	\$21.85	
June 28, D. Y. Emmons, labor of self and help employed,	4.50	
Feb. 25, D. Y. Emmons, labor of self and help employed,	9.41	
	<hr/>	\$35.76

SAMUEL MUSSEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$18.50	
April 12, Otis Sanborn, breaking roads,	3.00	
Feb. 25, “ “ “ “	2.63	
	<hr/>	\$24.13

JOHN M. R. EMMONS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$49.83	
April 24, Horace Hemphill,	1.25	
April 25, Stephen N. Colby,	1.00	
Aug. 30, D. J. Hunt,	1.65	
Sept. 27, H. N. Emmons,	7.00	
Nov. 29, W. R. Fellows,	2.00	
" " Orrin Nelson,	1.10	
" " John M. R. Emmons and help,	11.02	
Dec. 6, Moses A. Emmons,	3.75	
" 27, Kiah Wells,	2.00	
" " Green L. Tilton,	6.00	
	————	\$86.60

J. W. BURLEY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$31.63	
Nov. 29, A. S. Dow,	2.62	
Feb. 26, M. F. Merrow,	3.84	
	————	\$38.09

A. J. FERRIN'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$12.61	
June 29, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	5.85	
Feb. 25, " " " "	3.63	
	————	\$22.09

BENJ. GREY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$22.13	
May 31, Benj. Grey and help cutting out drifts,	13.90	
Sept. 27, John Harron,	1.27	
Feb. 24, Benj. Grey, breaking roads,	5.78	
	————	\$43.08

M. S. HASTING'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended per agent's receipts,	\$43.33	
June 28, J. M. Sleeper and help cutting out drifts,	14.08	
Nov. 29, Sam. D. Grey labor 1878,	1.10	
" " M. S. Hastings,	10.11	
Feb. 28, " " "	.60	
	————	\$69.22

CHAS. S. FLANDERS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$23.61	
Nov. 29, M. G. Chandler, stone work,	1.50	
Feb. 25, C. S. Flanders and help,	7.87	
" Calvin Mudgett,	.56	
" Thomas Muzzey,	54.00	
	————	\$87.54

SOLOMON FRENCH'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agents receipts,	\$85.81
Mar. 29, B. E. Blackstone, labor 1878,	1.55
June 28, S. French, breaking roads,	2.25
Sept. 27, " and help employed,	35.90
Nov. 29, S. H. Cross,	6.48
Dec. 27, S. French,	2.87
Feb. 23, " "	1.08
	————\$135.94

R. S. HASTINGS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$130.37
Dec. 27, R. S. Hastings,	13.55
" D. G. Hight,	3.10
Jan. 3, R. Blake,	8.54
	————\$155.56

C. A. GALE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$20.41
Oct. 25, C. A. Gale, breaking roads,	6.00
Feb. 24, N. T. Chase, " "	.88
	————\$27.29

D. H. RICE'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$206.02
April 12, D. H. Rice, breaking roads,	5.10
Nov. 29, Wm. Randolph,	1.98
Dec. 27, G. W. Sumner,	1.25
" D. H. Rice,	34.93
Jan. 31, F. W. Robinson,	.78
Feb. 27, D. P. Prescott,	2.59
	————\$252.65

M. F. WILBUR'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$447.25
April 12, S. S. Sanborn, 1878,	1.50
" Wm. A. Beckford,	1.50
April 26, M. F. Wilbur, breaking roads,	2.15
" T. H. Daniels, 1878,	1.50
Jan. 31, G. G. Brown, labor and lumber,	7.87
Feb. 24, C. P. George,	2.00
" R. S. Hastings,	1.00
Feb. 25, Timothy Tilton,	2.75
" Cyrus Taylor,	6.34
Feb. 28, Geo. M. Cavis,	1.58
" T. H. Daniels,	1.00
	————\$476.44

MILO FELLOWS' DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$59.50
Dec. 27, Milo Fellows,	12.10
Jan. 31, Daniel Cass,	.48
	<hr/> \$72.08

GREEN L. TILTON'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$460.94
April 26, G. L. Tilton, breaking roads,	4.05
Nov. 29, W. R. Fellows,	8.50
" U. H. Kidder,	10.00
" D. S. Mason,	4.76
" Kiah Wells,	8.50
" S. H. Cross,	23.49
" M. G. Chandler, stone work,	30.00
" C. H. Woodward,	17.51
" Jacob Cass,	19.75
" B. Q. Fellows,	15.15
" S. C. Gordon,	4.50
" S. H. Rollins,	1.90
Feb. 26, G. L. Tilton,	42.05
	<hr/> \$651.10

GUSTAVUS ROBY'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$54.49
Mar. 4, John Roby,	2.25
June 23, S. W. Swett,	3.67
Feb. 25, A. J. Ferrin, breaking roads,	6.17
	<hr/> \$66.58

WM. H. FOLSOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount of highway tax worked out by agent,	\$111.21
April 28, P. S. Drake, and others, cutting out drifts, as per bill of items,	33.26
May 31, P. S. Drake, labor on highway and help employed,	3.50
Sept. 27, Wm. H. Folsom, labor on highway and help employed as per bill of items,	19.53
Jan. 31, John Harran, labor breaking roads, '78,	1.75
Feb. 24, Chas. Putney, labor on highway,	3.00
Feb. 25, S. S. Fellows, breaking roads,	4.79
	<hr/> \$177.04

THOMAS WICOM'S DISTRICT.

Amount of tax expended, per agent's receipts,	\$6.71
Mar. 29, Thomas Wicom,	1.95
Feb. 25, " "	2.64
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Total for highways and bridges,	\$11.30
	\$2,592.46

Miscellaneous Highways and Bridges.

March 15, Chas. Kidder, water tub,	\$3.00
Apr. 21, W. W. Harriman damage to team,	5.00
May 19, S. S. Patten lumber,	79.49
" 23, G. A. Robie iron and cutting,	21.02
July 10, J. R. Connor freight on sewer pipe,	15.75
" 26, Thos. Muzzey labor on Fowler bridge and lumber furnished,	2.71
" " J. W. Saunders lumber,	102.37
" 30, A. J. Smith soil and gravel,	25.00
" " L. M. Pike concrete,	135.80
Aug. 30, Amos Bartlett lumber,	14.29
Sept. 15, } John P. Berry lumber,	117.02
Oct. 28, }	
Sept. 18, Jonathan Emmons oak posts,	7.38
Oct. 28, Chas. H. Gordon brick per bill,	3.75
Nov. 29, Orrin Nelson water tub,	3.00
" " E. Sanborn lumber,	9.20
" " B. Q. Pellows stone step,	3.00
" " A. J. Smith boards,	1.50
" " S. H. Tilton water tub,	3.00
" " E. K. Pray plank,	26.28
Dec. 6, S. H. Rollins water tub,	3.00
" 27, L. A. Ballou " "	6.00
Jan. 5, Gust Walker sewer pipe,	109.53
" " H. W. Clapp " caps,	21.50
" 13, J. W. Hunt 1-2 labor and lumber for Gerry bridge,	11.25
Feb. 24, E. M. Eastman care bridge, & chimneys bought,	45.50
" 28, T. T. Drake balance on lumber,	4.66
" " A. K. Peaslee watering tub 1879,	3.00
" " L. B. Morris soil used on road,	5.50
" " James T. Sanborn cedar posts,	12.20
" " E. D. Crosby lumber as per bill,	3.31
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	\$804.01

Cost of supporting highways and bridges in excess of amount raised by highway tax,	\$764.69
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Miscellaneous Bills.

March 3, Robert A. Horner, paid auditors,	\$4.00
“ 11, R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	37.10
“ 18, Sam. W. Heath land damage,	5.00
April 11, Fowler & Hazelton recording births and deaths,	4 00
“ “ James M. Bishop, “ “ “ “	2.25.
“ 21, Morrill & Silsby stationery,	11.20
“ “ E. R. Morse & Co. safe,	150.00
“ 22, John W. Wells police services 1878,	30.00
“ 26, Green L. Tilton moving safe,	1.50
“ “ R. A. Horner paid fox bounties,	3.00
“ 29, O. F. Fellows services Sprague case,	5.00
May 28, Timothy Tilton money for decoration,	40.00
“ “ S. Huse painting,	1.38
“ 31, Ira S. Chase recording births and deaths,	2.75
June 28, John H. Brown money paid as per bill of items,	19.81
July 26, F. Bartlett services as Supervisor,	5.00
“ “ H. A. Randolph “ “	5.00
“ “ Geo. A. Emerson “ “	5.00
Nov. 29, F. W. Calley blacksmith bill and stock,	9.77
“ “ R. W. Musgrove printing,	8.50
“ “ Sam. H. Tilton over-tax,	.70
“ “ Chas. L. “ “	.20
“ “ Cyrus Taylor spikes, iron, etc., per bill of items,	26.73
Dec. 25, F. W. Calley police services,	7.50
“ 27, John W. Sanborn, sheep killed by dogs,	9.00
“ “ O. R. Bucklin blacksmith bill, iron and horse hire as per bill of items,	13.35
“ “ L. D. Day brimstone,	.76
“ “ B. L. Wells chest for weights and measures,	8.00
“ “ L. A. Ballou, spikes, etc. as per bill of items,	10.59
Jan. 31, G. G. Brown horse hire as per bill,	4.75
“ “ A. W. Bingham book,	.50
“ “ J. D. Kelly blacksmith bill and iron,	7.11
“ “ Marston & Locke, “ “ “	5.49

Jan. 31, F. W. Bingham, yard stick, weights, and funnel for town hall as per bill,	\$19.03
Feb. 24, L. W. Hammond spikes, powder, etc., per bill,	10.79
“ “ Solon Dolloff sheep killed by dogs,	5.00
“ “ E. F. Kendall care of town clock,	15.00
“ 25, C. S. Flanders services as police,	1.50
“ 28, L. W. Fling, attorney, on account,	50.00
“ “ Morrill & Silsby books,	2.50
“ “ Robert A. Horner, money paid for town as per bill of items,	9 09
“ “ John H. Brown, do.,	29.95
“ “ Paid ministerial fund,	6.00
“ “ Geo. M. Cavis spikes,	2.53
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	596.33

Street Lamps.

March 29, P. G. & T. L. Carleton, painting and sanding lamp posts,	\$3.45
Oct. 25, W. W. Wilbur chimneys and glass,	.50
Feb. 28, “ “ lighting and care of lamps from March 1, 1879 to March 1, 1880,	120.00
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	\$123.95

Town Officers' Bills.

A. W. Bingham, clerk,	\$40.00
Nancy A. Durgin, S. S. Committee,	35.00
K. E. Dearborn, collector, part pay,	100.00
John H. Brown, selectmen,	135.00
R. A. Horner, “	104.00
R. S. Danforth, “	75.00
L. W. Hammond, treasurer,	25.00
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	\$514.00

Abatement of Taxes on List of 1878.

Geo. W. Dow, part of tax,	\$5.00
S. S. Sanborn, “ “	6.72
M. M. Mullen,	2.71
Alanson S. Blake,	2.21
Mrs. D. H. Rice,	5.00
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	\$21.64

Abatement of taxes on List of 1879.

Joel C. Adams,	\$2.10
Alansen S. Blake,	2.10
Eben Darling, heirs of,	8.38
Louisa Martin, over-tax,	10.75
Ira W. Morrison,	2.10
“ “ jr.,	2.10
Israel Tukey,	2.10
I. J. Wescott,	1.60
Shurburne Wells' heirs,	6.29
Wm. F. Locke,	1.27
Phebe Sanborn,	4.85
Frank W. Dimond, highway tax,	1.20
Fred W. Quimby, “	2.55
Isaiah H. Fowler, jr.,	.50
	—— \$47.89

Paid on Notes.

G. W. Heath, note and interest,	\$361.20
M. S. Peters, “ “	306.62
Ruth A. Batchelder, “ “	409.11
Mary S. Brown, “ “	541.76
Levi Nelson,	105.26
Interest on town bonds,	550.00
	—— \$2,273.98

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		\$16,511.28
State tax,	\$1,348.00	
County tax,	2,098.36	
School money,	1,256.34	
School house tax,	580.00	
Precinct tax,	750.00	
Pauper bills,	831.10	
Highways and bridges,	2,592.46	
Miscellaneous for highways and bridges,	804.01	
Miscellaneous bills,	596.33	
Street lamps,	123.95	
Town officers' bills,	514.00	
Abatements on list of 1878,	21.64	
" " " " 1879,	47.89	
Paid on notes,	2,273.98	
In hands of treasurer,	1,299.43	
" collector, 1878,	242.56	
" " 1879,	922.02	
Paid school money, District No. 2, in treasury, March 1, 1879,	209.21	
	—————	\$16,511.28

Bonds Due March 1, 1880.

Seth Cass,	\$1,000.00
Belinda B. Cass,	800.00
David Mason,	700.00
Amanda Stearns,	500.00
Franklin Fogg,	1,100.00
S. K. Mason,	300.00
R. S. Danforth,	500.00
N. W. Cass,	500.00
A. J. Smith,	1,000.00
Mrs. Varnum Pratt,	1,000.00
Abbie S. White,	1,000.00
Clarence Merrill,	200.00
E. Follansbee,	400.00
Mary C. Mudgett,	400.00
Sarah Cheney,	200.00
Wm. G. Kelley,	200.00
Daniel Kelley,	200.00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1880,	458.33
	<hr/> \$10,458.33

Amount the Town Owes.

Bonds and interest to March 1, 1880,	10,458.33
Due school District No. 8,	14.54
“ “ “ “ 9,	.30
	<hr/> \$10,473.17

Due the Town.

In hands of treasurer,	1,299.43
“ collector 1878,	242.56
“ “ 1879,	922.02
Amount due from Grafton County,	181.57
	<hr/> \$2,645.58

Actual debt,	\$7,827.59
Decrease of debt,	\$1,144.94

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT A. HORNER,	
R. S. DANFORTH,	

of
Bristol.

Bristol, N. H., March 2d, 1880.

We hereby certify that we have examined the report of the Selectmen of the town of Bristol, and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. M. CAVIS, }
B. F. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

Treasurer's Report.

Total amount of receipts for the year ending	
March 1st, 1880,	\$13,326.12
Total amount of disbursements for the year ending	
March 1st, 1880,	12,026.69
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The amount remaining in the hands of the treasurer,	\$1,299.43

L. W. HAMMOND, *Treasurer.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Mrs. Joseph Mason, Prudential Committee. This district had one term of school during the year, ten weeks in length, taught by Miss CARO T. GORDON, of New Hampton. Whole number of pupils, 11; average attendance, 10. Six were from Hill. This school is composed of young scholars, but, with a single exception, I think they made the most of their school privileges this year. The writing was unusually good, and the scholars had evidently made an effort to *excel* in this branch. Prompt in their recitations, they evinced a thoroughness in their teaching and learning. Some miscellaneous exercises on different subjects, arranged in rhyme, and recited in concert, is a pleasing and unique feature of Miss Gordon's schools, and a good deal of useful information is thus impressed on the minds of the young children, which is not easily forgotten. Three scholars, who came a long distance, were on the Roll of Honor. These were Emily, Alice and Patrick Adams. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$17. Whole amount of money, \$49.06. Ten dollars of this was raised by special tax, for greatly needed repairs on school buildings.

DISTRICT No 2.—See Graded Schools.

DISTRICT No. 3.

D. Hunt, Prudential Committee. Miss CARO T. GORDON also taught the one term of eight and two fifths weeks in this district. Whole number, 7; average, exactly the same. The palm of regular attendance belongs to this school, as *all* the scholars were on the Roll of Honor, and all of them live a good distance from the school house. The term was too short. Miss Gordon's methods of instruction are many of them quite superior, but after eradicating some errors in de-

portment, and bad habits of study, there was little time for great progress in the several studies. There was great improvement in the order, and more unity in purpose and action than I have before witnessed. The district would gladly have had a private school, but there were so few scholars, the expense was thought to be too much. Wages of teacher, per month, including board, \$17. Whole amount of money, \$34.95. Roll of Honor: Nettie Emmons, Ethel Emmons, Augusta Nelson, Addie Sanborn, Frank Dolloff, Louie Dolloff, Everett Damon.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss EMMA EMMONS, Prudential Committee. This district had one term of school, of six weeks, taught by Miss JENNIE S. EMMONS. Whole number, 6; average, 5. The most advanced scholar in the school left three weeks before its close, to begin a term at New Hampton. The improvement of the others was all that could reasonably be expected in so short a term. I think an improvement might be made by these scholars in their habits of sitting, standing and answering questions. If an answer is worth giving at all, it is worth giving distinctly. The stimulus of numbers is needed in this fine and pleasantly located school house. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$16. Whole amount of money, \$44.03. \$20 of this was raised by special tax, for painting school house. Roll of honor: Everett H. Emmons.

DISTRICT No. 5.

A. J. Ferrin, Prudential Committee. Miss SARA M. SWETT taught the one term of school, of twelve weeks in length, in this district. Whole number, 7; average attendance, nearly the same. Two scholars were from Bridgewater. There are too many cases of tardiness in this district. I hope it may not become a chronic habit. Want of punctuality and promptness often impairs a person's usefulness all through his life. Habits of sitting and standing erect, and quick thinking are good to acquire in school. Generally, if a scholar "can't think" when the question is put to him, he'll not be able to do so in five minutes, and much time is wasted by waiting. If a teacher is willing to wait, so is the pupil. Improvement fair in the studies pursued, which are necessarily quite elementary, the scholars being young. Wages of teacher, including board, \$13. Whole amount of money, \$37.04.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Damon Y. Emmons, Prudential Committee. This district had one term of nine weeks, taught by Miss EMMA O. CURTICE, of Concord. Whole number, 6; average, a little less. A very drifting snow storm prevented me from visiting this school the second time—the only failure I have made during my three years of service. Miss Curtice taught the same school, year before last, when I found her to be a

thorough and efficient teacher. I have no hesitation in accepting her own report, "that the scholars behaved well, and made good improvement, in writing and practical Arithmetic especially." The verdict of the committee and others who were interested, "that they had had a good school," added strength and certainty to my own opinion. Two young ladies and gentlemen left, for reasons best known to themselves, too soon to be classed as members of the school. It seems to be a pity that all young people should not be disposed to very eagerly avail themselves of all the school privileges they can possibly obtain, but if they do not feel to cheerfully comply with the reasonable requirements of a teacher who is working hard for their best interests, it is certainly well to very quietly withdraw, rather than give trouble. Wages of teacher, including board, \$20. Whole amount of money, \$46.69. Roll of Honor: Sammie E. Worthen, Hadley B. Worthen, Sadie V. Burley.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Henry C. Homan, Prudential Committee. Miss LAURA WHITTEMORE, of Bridgewater, taught the one term of school, of seven weeks, in this district. Whole number, 2; average, 2. Teacher and scholars evidently put forth their most persistent and pains-taking efforts to accomplish all they could. Miss Whittemore's school motto seems to be "that what is good for a greater number is also good for a less," therefore, all the forms that tend to give a school an orderly appearance are duly insisted upon, and observed by *two* scholars, as well as they might be by *many*. The school house is a model of neatness, and the decorations of mottoes, leaves, ferns and flowers, evinced a cultivation of some taste, in addition to the studies ordinarily pursued. Miss Mitchell, the only other, and most advanced scholar in the district, was kept at home by a fever, during the whole term, much to the regret of all. The committee gave the board and wood, furnished the scholars, and was the sole representative of the district at the last school meeting. It is hoped that he may be able to take *two* other persons with him to the next meeting, that he may have a "quorum voting," and either annex the district to another one adjoining, or else raise a little more school money. Wages of teacher per month, \$8.00. Board given. Whole amount of money, \$12.25. Roll of Honor: Ahner W. and Lorain Homan.

DISTRICT No. 8.

C. N. Drake, Prudential Committee. This district had two terms of ten and eleven weeks each, taught by Miss MARY P. PAYSON, of Northfield. Whole number, 1st term, 12; average, 11; 2nd term, 13; average, 10. The results of the first term were very satisfactory. At my last visit, there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm, and a general restlessness, which I hope may be attributed "to one of those days" that

every teacher knows will come to the best of schools. The first class in Arithmetic made good progress, while the reading gave evidence of improvement. The writing did not show that effort to excel that I have before noticed. It is a subject of deep regret that vulgarity and profanity have found an entrance here. The teacher did her best to restrain it, I am glad to know. The parents should guard against all such moral poison with as much care as they would exercise in regard to scarlet fever or diphtheria. Ay, better by far that the little ones be laid to rest in their purity and innocence, than to grow up to be men and women filled with moral pollution. It is earnestly hoped that all our schools will but supplement the most careful home training in the inculcation of all the moral virtues. It is a *privilege* the teachers have, as well a *duty* they owe to their patrons, to train their pupils in the paths of morality, *first, last and every time*. Wages of teacher per month, \$20. Whole amount of money, \$120. The district again showed their interest in their school by raising \$50 by special tax, for lengthening it. Roll of Honor, 1st term: Mabel Folsom, Minnie Drake, Enos Folsom, Ansel Dolloff, Frank Houghton. Second term: Minnie Drake, Eva M. Sleeper, Enos Folsom, Ansel Dolloff.

DISTRICT No. 9.

C. D. Flanders, Prudential Committee. Miss HATTIE SANBORN, of New Hampton, taught both terms of school in this district. First term, six weeks; second, eight. Whole number, 1st term, 6; average, a fraction less: 2nd term, 10; average, ditto. Miss Sanborn gave pretty general satisfaction, the first term, so that the district contributed six dollars to lengthen the school. The classes in Arithmetic and Grammar made commendable improvement. I regret to be unable to commend the results of the second term, as I would like to. Too little attention was given the smaller pupils, while the teacher's *yes* and *no* were often construed into their opposite meanings by some of the larger ones, apparently. The writing books were all allowed to be carried home before my last visit, so that I could form no opinion of the improvement in this branch. As it was greatly needed by some of the larger boys, I kindly suggested a daily lesson of half an hour which the teacher thought she had not time to give. Wages of teacher, \$12.50. Board given. Whole amount of money, \$49.44. Roll of Honor: Nellie Mudgett, Owen L. Flanders, Arthur T. Chase, first term; second term, Emma Chase, Burt S. Gale, Wilbur Gale, Arthur Chase, Sidney J. Weston.

In presenting my third annual report to the town, I have not thought it necessary to make special mention of the improvement in each particular branch, or many of the excellencies or defects of teachers. With the exception of Miss Sanborn, the scholars and teachers have been under my care before. The attendance has been unusually good,

with perhaps only two or three days' absence during several of the terms, so that the average has been a very large per cent. Every register but the one for No. 4 records visits by *parents*, and most of them by prudential committees, so that, with the small amount of money and short terms of school, we hope we have accomplished some good. Appletons' Readers have been adopted not only in our town, but in several of the adjoining ones. The scholars have been more interested in reading, and the improvement greater, but yet "there is room for more." While we have scarcely a study of greater importance, it has always seemed to me that few of our teachers take that interest in it that it demands. The ability to read understandingly and well, is a lasting benefit to a pupil through life in every way, by furnishing him a great source of pleasure and profit. Grammar is taught too little in our rural districts. The definitions and rules are committed to memory thoroughly enough, but language lessons should be given to our younger scholars. The combinations of words into sentences, the proper use of capital letters, and to some extent, of punctuation marks, could very profitably be introduced as a recreation lesson, and awaken an interest in that "dry, hateful study," as some deem it. It is of slight importance to a pupil to be able to go through the technicalities of analyzing and parsing (almost wholly from memory) Bryant's *Thanatopsis*, or Grey's *Elegy*, when, if his life depended upon it, he could not write a properly dated, addressed, correctly spelled and constructed letter with capitals and common punctuation marks in their right places.

Too *much time* and attention is paid to Arithmetic, many seeming to consider *that* the one thing needful. More practical results should be aimed at. The fundamental rules should be taught so thoroughly that any scholar need not be puzzled in solving problems where they *all* come into use. Fractions, both decimal and common, cannot be learned too thoroughly, especially the proper use of the decimal point. In casting interest, a scholar should be taught how to make decimal points perform a great portion of the work, instead of spending so much time in needless multiplication of figures, which is often a vexation, as the slightest mistake sometimes produces serious results. A good thorough training in those principles which are *usane* in daily life, is of far greater importance to our scholars than a smattering knowledge of all the rules in the book. With the use of the sliding copy books, the writing has been greatly improved, and it compares very favorably with that of children who have much greater advantages. A good dictionary is greatly needed in each of our school rooms. I would call attention to the act authorizing superintendents and selectmen to purchase a wall map of New Hampshire, and suggest that some action be taken thereupon. I have not thought it best to take five dollars

from the small amount of school money raised last year for each district. I am happy to say that our districts have not deemed it necessary to give each man his turn for prudential committee, as I have met the same gentlemen each year, in three of them.

In conclusion, I would add that my relations with the parents, committees, teachers and scholars have been to me very pleasant and agreeable, with scarcely one single exception. I have made twenty-one official visits, and would gladly have made more, could I have done so without involving the expense of hiring a team each time.

Annexed hereto is the report of the Board of Education, for District No. 2, which they have submitted to me, in accordance with the law, and also the statistical report of the same.

N. A. DURGIN, *S. S. Committee.*

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Primary Department was taught by Miss ABBIE BISHOP. Miss Bishop had had no experience in a school of this grade, and we regret to say that her efforts were not quite commendable to the Board. Her lack of judicious executive ability, and administrative talent were unfavorable for the highest success in this department. Children cannot too early be taught to recognize authority clothed in love, and a failure *here* is often attended with sad consequences. Good habits formed in this department are of the utmost importance to a successful future.

Miss KATE GEORGE, who is a veteran in the service, taught the Intermediate Department, so perhaps it is needless for us to attempt to make any addition to her laurels. We must, however, express our satisfaction with her class in Mental Arithmetic, also her History reading class. We regard the writing of the spelling lesson on the blackboard very conducive to improvement in penmanship, as well as spelling. The janitor pronounces this the neatest room in the building, and as we always have received a *neat* and cordial welcome, we would recommend it as an agreeable place to visit. Miss George's tribute to her girls is "that all of them were *almost* as good as they could be, and she thought that none of them would willfully do anything to displease her," and we hope that many of the boys are able to claim their well earned share of the same.

The Grammar Department was taught by Miss BELL CALLEY, who taught the same last year. There was quite a large class promoted at the close of the first term, consequently this school has been unusually small. Miss Calley had a plenty of time to devote to her scholars, and we think it was expended profitably. The classes in Mental Arithmetic and Grammar both passed a very good examination. The first class in Written Arithmetic have advanced too fast for children of their age and comprehension. We think they can very profitably spend their time in this room another year, thoroughly reviewing their studies, and taking up U. S. History.

Miss LIZZIE COLLEY, of Hill, taught the first term of the High School. She came to us almost a stranger, and began a creditable work by systematizing the labors of the school room, and getting it into a good running condition, which it necessarily takes a new teacher one term to do. We would gladly have retained her very acceptable services for the year, but she could do far better by going to Lyndon, Vt., and so left us with our regrets.

As Mr. IRA A. CHASE had very successfully taught the same school three terms before, we were glad to be able to secure his services for the remainder of the year. We noticed, with much pleasure, the great improvement in Reading, which we felt to be highly needed, also the class of tyros in Algebra. We regard Mr. Chase as one of our best classical teachers, and we think a class would be very highly favored, who could continue a course in Latin, under his thorough instruction. We take pleasure in commending the services of the three teachers in our higher grades of school to our citizens in the district.

In reviewing our labors the past year, we would say that we have not been unmindful of the responsibilities resting upon us, and we hope that we have achieved some good results. The schools are not, by any means, all that we could wish, as neither teachers nor scholars have attained to that state where they can be classed as *perfect* models. We have endeavored to expend the amount of money placed at our disposal, judiciously, and, by reducing the salaries, we have had the same number of weeks of school that we had last year. We think the majority of the scholars are well behaved and respectable children, but all of them are not so, and coming from as many families as are represented here, it would be strange if there were no bad ones. We want the physical and moral atmosphere in and around our school house to be pure enough for the best and most virtuous scholar in our village to inhale. Teachers and committees can do a good deal towards effecting this result. Parents and citizens can do much more. Would you have your children well instructed in learning and good morals, give your home institutions your own fostering care, and the weight of your influence. Expend your money in raising the grade of your own schools. If all our citizens would but "lend a hand," our schools would soon become our pride and glory. Let every tax paying citizen who values our government and its republican institutions, firmly resolve, "as for me and my children, we will sustain our common schools." If any trouble arises between teacher and scholar, let the parent take the same to the teacher alone, if he neglect to hear him, then take it to the committee. Appeal to these first, to the neighbors afterward.

The table added hereto will give the necessary statistical information.

L. W. FLING,	} Board of Education.
SARAH J. LOTHROP,	
MARY E. BALLOU,	
ANNA P. BARTLETT,	

Statistical Table.

DEPARTMENT.	TERM.	TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Composition.	Arithmetic.	Geography, Math. & Phys.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Book-Keeping.	Vocal Music.	Latin.	Algebra.	Drawing.	Seasons.	Visits by Board.	Wages of Teachers per month.
Primary,	Spring,	Mary A. Bishop,	10	48	45	48	48	....	....	22	2	..	..	....	48	....	....	13	....	11	\$38
"	Autumn,	"	12	52	46	52	52	....	....	27	12	....	....	....	52	....	....	....	....	8	28
"	Winter,	"	8	34	31	34	34	....	....	24	14	....	....	....	34	....	....	....	....	6	28
Intermediate,	Spring,	Kate F. George,	10	48	48	48	48	....	....	48	48	48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	30
"	Autumn,	"	12	39	37	37	37	....	....	37	37	37	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	30
"	Winter,	"	8	33	31	33	33	....	....	33	33	33	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	30
Grammar,	Spring,	Bill Calley,	10	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	19	16	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	34
"	Autumn,	"	12	32	29	32	32	32	31	32	13	18	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	34
"	Winter,	"	8	29	26	29	29	....	29	29	11	9	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	34
High,	Spring,	Lizzie Colley,	10	25	24	12	12	....	24	21	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	8	40
"	Autumn,	Ira A. Chase,	12	34	33	34	34	....	34	16	9	....	....	9	....	21	15	....	33	12	40
"	Winter,	"	8	35	34	33	33	35	26	10	4	21	15	32	7	48
Rural Districts,	61	59	47	10	46	28	15	3	3	3	9

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